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Applicants: P. Lippens et al. Attorney Docket No.: CASM116373
Application No.: 09/673,428 Group Art Unit: 1772
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Title: SECURITY ELEMENT TO PREVENT COUNTERFEITING
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER/
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

A. Amendment Transmittal

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- _____ 1. No additional claim fee is required, as shown below.
X 2. The claim fee has been calculated as shown below.

COMPUTATION OF FEE FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid For		Present Extra		Rate		Additional Fee
Total Claims	38	-	32	=	6	x	18	=	108
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	84	=	0
TOTAL									\$108

B. Request for Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully request that the shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action dated October 23, 2002, set to expire on January 23, 2003, be extended by two months, to expire on March 23, 2003. The enclosed check includes the two-month extension fee of \$410.

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C. Fees Enclosed

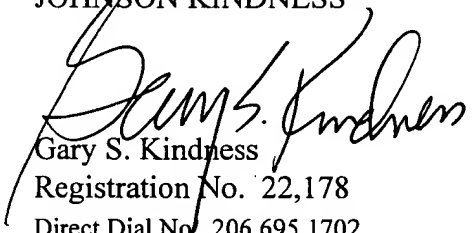
Enclosed is our Check No. 146730 in the amount of \$518 to cover the amendment claim fee and request for extension-of-time fee.

D. Additional Fee Charges or Credit for Overpayment

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.18 which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. This authorization also hereby includes a request for any extensions of time of the appropriate length required upon the filing of any reply during the entire prosecution of this application. A copy of this document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

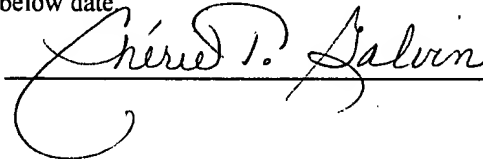
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